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1. The information contained herein is based on personal observations of the source.
2. Alphabetical Designators Coordinated with information reported herein, specific points are located on overlay to BA Chart No 185 and identified by the following alphabetical designators:
 - A - Approach line
 - B - Pilot Boarding point
 - C - Polish Police Patrol Station
 - D - Anchorage
 - E - Antiaircraft Battery
 - F - Soviet Naval Facility
 - G - Polish Naval Facility
3. Port Transited En route Stettin Source visited subject port aboard a merchant vessel arriving in ballast, 77.20 meters long, drawing 5.20 meters of water, after sunset on 26 Sep 53; transited port and proceeded to anchorage in GROSZES HAFT via the KAISER FAHRT preparatory to proceeding up the ODER RIVER to STETTIN 27 Sep 53.
4. Sailing Directions - Charts Charts and Sailing Directions used were German publications purchased in Hamburg, date and publisher unknown.
5. Weather Weather was fair and temperature was steady at 15° C.

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6. Approach Vessel approached from seaward steering 171° true on course line marked by designator A.
7. Anchorage An anchorage point is located about 500 yards off the entrance to the port at designator B. Another anchorage is situated at point D. Source's vessel anchored at point D, inasmuch as they had transited port after sunset and pilot would not proceed any further. The anchorage at Point D was small in area, had good holding ground in about 24' of water.
8. Pilotage Pilot boarded vessel at point B and conducted her to point D, where she anchored. Vessel was met by a 10 meter, wooden, Diesel, low-powered pilot boat showing the "How" flag. Pilot boat had a beam of about three meters. Pilot spoke German and Polish but no English. Inasmuch as pilot would not take the vessel in to Stettin at night he departed at anchorage point described in paragraph 7 above. At 1000 the following morning, pilot again boarded and conducted the vessel to Stettin. Pilots were described as being quite satisfactory, performing their duties with adeptness.
9. Channel depth Average depth of water over the course passed was 24'.
10. Traffic Restrictions When tankers are underway in the channel out of Stettin all incoming shipping is halted at Swinemunde.
11. Shipping Observed Three merchant vessels were observed standing out of port upon source's arrival and upon departure 28 Sep 53, 10 more were sighted waiting to enter.
12. Patrol Station A Polish harbor police patrol station is located at point C.
13. Coastal Defense Battery In response to questions regarding subject port, source stated a radar controlled coastal defense battery is located at designator E. This battery, thought to be an old German installation, is arranged in single mounts with slit trenches connecting. Ordnance consisted of four guns of 8.8 cm barrel diameter and three guns of 21 cm barrel diameter.
14. Fire Control Radar The coastal defense battery described in paragraph 13 was accompanied by fire control radar with antennas mounted on each gun. The antenna consisted of parabolic reflectors with diapoles in the center.
15. Naval Facilities A naval facility and docking area is located on either side of the channel near the entrance to the port. At designator F is located a berthing area for Soviet naval vessels and designator G a berthing area for Polish naval vessels.
16. Soviet Naval Vessels Sighted Berthed at designator F were three Soviet destroyers. They were described as small, one funnel, single-mast craft, having a mattress type radar reflector antenna and two 12.7 cm main battery guns mounted in single enclosures fore and aft. They were not positively identified but appeared to resemble AMC No 105, the KRONSTADT class, more than other types. Also berthed at designator F were about 20 Soviet PT boats described as having two torpedo tubes, flying bridge and two small caliber automatic guns aft. They were identified as members of the VOSPER class.
17. Polish Naval Vessels Sighted At designator G a very old Polish AMS type vessel was berthed. This was believed to be an ex-German craft.
18. Status of Naval Units Both Polish and Soviet vessels were observed to be fully operational and were believed to be frequently employed. Their general condition was fair, though some hull plates showed minor signs of wear and buckling. Personnel aboard were thought to be in excess of normal complements and appeared to superabound on vessels sighted.

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19. New Construction and Repair Source stated the three existing German air raid shelters at the naval facility appeared to have been repaired and in good usable condition and that two new shelters had been erected and completed recently.

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